

Cabinet Kit covers 100 sq. ft

NOTE: If you're also going to be updating your countertops with Giani™ Granite Countertop Paint, then be sure to makeover your cabinets first, because this will eliminate the chance of getting paint on top of your new granite countertop finish.

What other tools might I need?

- #300 or higher grit sandpaper
- Liquid de-glosser
- Small tipped artist brush
- Screw driver
- FrogTape® Painter's Tape
- Fast drying wood filler
- Paint Roller Tray

Step 1: Prep

- **A. Repair & Patch:** If your cabinets have any deep nicks or scratches then fill them in with a fast drying wood putty.
 - TIP: IF you're replacing any old knobs with new ones and the new knob's screw holes don't match up with the existing holes then take the time now to patch the old holes with wood filler And then drill new holes for the new knobs as needed -
- **B. Protect:** Tape off any walls, appliances and knobs/hinges (or remove knobs/hinges) that meet your cabinets with two rows of FrogTape Painter's Tape and make sure you press firmly so that the paint does not bleed through. Also place newspapers over your countertops and floors to protect them.
- C. Sanding: For all cabinet types, including wood, laminate, vinyl and painted surfaces, you must sand all of your cabinet surfaces with a #300 grit or higher sandpaper to ensure the paint adheres properly. If your cabinets are wood, follow the grain and avoid circular motions. Be sure to sand extra well around your door handles and stove because of the potential oils and dirt located in these areas. For high gloss finishes, you can use a liquid de-glosser and then sand with a #300 grit sandpaper to lightly scuff up the surface.
- **D.** Clean: When you are done sanding, wipe up all of the sanding dust with a standard window cleaner since the alcohol and ammonia won't leave a residue. Around the handles, and places where you often touch the wood, be sure to clean well with TSP or soap and water as the oils from our hands get onto the surface and will keep the paint from adhereing. Pay extra attention to the area above and around the stove where oil and grease build up has accumulated.

Note: If you have real wood cabinets with knots and their finish is old, then you will want to pre-prime the cabinets with a good oil-based primer to prevent bleed through from the tannins in the wood.

Step 2: Paint

Nuvo is designed to go on in two to three thin coats. Do not attempt to apply in one thick coat as it will affect the coating's performance. Most applications only need 2 coats, however, if you are painting a light color over dark wood, or a dark color over a light colored cabinet, then you will need multiple thin coats to hide the underlying color.

Before beginning, turn off any ceiling fans to prevent blowing dust. It is also optimal to have your room's temperature between 65F and 77F.

A. Paint your cabinet frames: Begin by using the kit's included paintbrush and paint the Nuvo Cabinet Paint around the exterior hinges on the frame.

Next, open the cabinet doors and drawers in the area and complete painting the rest of the frame by using the kits included brush or roller

Note: For best results, use up and down brush strokes on the uprights of your frame and use side-to-side strokes on the horizontal sections.

After painting the frame, keep the cabinet doors and drawers open to dry so the doors don't stick. Repeat this across all of your cabinets.

B. Paint doors and drawers: Next, paint the backside of each door first. Don't paint their side edges yet because you'll paint these when you paint their front side. If the doors have "bumpers," you can paint around them. Keep the doors open until they are dry. (It is not necessary to paint the backside of the drawers because they are typically not visible when open).



By the time you've finished painting the backside of your last door, the first one is probably dry to the touch. If so, then you may begin by painting the front and side edges of your doors and drawers in thin coats.

For best results, it is best to paint the front of "Raised Panel" doors and drawers by following the below sequence:

- 1. Paint the recessed "valleys" first with the kit's included paintbrush. Use up and down brush stokes on the vertical sections and sideway stokes on the horizontal pieces. Watch for drips and pooling of paint in the corners and brush out.
- 2. Next, paint the side edges of the door with the kit's included roller or brush. Be sure to remove most of the paint from the roller before painting the edges because it will minimize excess paint build up on their backsides of the door.
- 3. Finally, use the roller to paint the face and raised panels of the doors and drawers. Again, use up and down roll strokes on the vertical sections and sidestrokes on the horizontal sections.

Be sure to watch for runs or excess build up on the corners, side edges and the backsides of your doors. If you see any, gently brush them out immediately.

Finally, keep the doors and drawers open during your project to allow them to dry and not stick to the frames. By the time you have finished painting the front side of your final door or drawer, it is very likely that enough time has elapsed – 2 hours – for you to go back where you started and repeat the above process for a second coat.

C. Apply Second Coat: Repeat the above process. If you see any thin areas after your second Coat, allow the section to dry for 2 hours and then re-coat the entire section or entire door because "spot" re-coats will create a noticeable difference in gloss. Leave your doors and drawers open for a minimum of 8 hours after your final coat to prevent sticking.

You may apply additional thin coats if needed to hide very dark wood or paint.

Step 3: Put your kitchen back together

- **A. Remove Tape:** Immediately after your final coat has dried to the touch, you may begin removing the tape. Be sure to carefully score the edge of the tape with a sharp tool to ensure a clean separation from the new coating.
- B. Re-Attach Knobs: Wait a minimum of eight hours before re-attaching your knobs or closing your doors and drawers because it will prevent them from sticking. Re-apply new bumpers if you removed your old ones. Important!!! Be sure to be cautious around your new Nuvo finish, especially the handles, during the 14 day cure time because the coating's adhesion builds with each successive day!

Proper Care Instructions: We recommend waiting a minimum of 7 days before cleaning your cabinets. A wipe down with soap and water is what you can use to clean them with. We do not recommend any harsh abrasives or chemicals such as household cleaners as this will ware down the paint over time. The paint is water-based; so aggressive scrubbing or moisture sitting on it for long periods of time can put it in a weakened state.

Now you can sit back and enjoy your new kitchen!!

Disposal - clean equipment and paint spatters with warm, soapy water. Dispose of contaminated absorbent, container and unused product in accordance with all current federal, state and local regulations.

Use only with adequate ventilation.

WARNING! Irritant! Harmful if swallowed. Avoid contact with eyes. May cause eye, nose and throat irritation. Avoid breathing of dust and vapors or spray mist. Open windows and doors or use other means to ensure fresh air entry during application and drying. If you experience eye watering, headache, or dizziness, leave the area to obtain fresh air. If continued difficulty is experienced, seek medical attention immediately.

Close container after each use. Wash thoroughly after handling and before smoking and eating.

FIRST AID: If swallowed, do not induce vomiting. Get medical attention immediately. If you experience difficulty in breathing, leave the area to obtain fresh air. If continued difficulty is experienced, seek medical attention immediately. In case of eye contact, flush eyes immediately with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes and seek medical attention. KEEP FROM FREEZING.

CAUTION: Do not take internally. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Use with adequate ventilation. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. WARNING! If you scrape, sand or remove old house paint – you may release lead dust. Lead is toxic. Contact National Lead Information Hotline at 800-424-LEAD. GianiTM is lead free.

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